

## RICHMOND AND TIDEWATER R. R.

Electric Line to Connect the Capitol  
With Deep Water.

ITS SUCCESS SEEMS ASSURED.

Gloucester County is Very Much in  
Earnest and Will Vote on a Sub-  
scription Again in November.  
Will Open Up a Rich Section

GLOUCESTER C. H., Oct. 7.—Special.  
The projected Richmond and Tidewater  
railroad, which is now so much written  
about and talked of, is the outcome of a  
great need in the development of the  
tidewater counties, the very garden spot  
of Virginia, exclaiming as they do in the  
production of truck, and in their far  
famed oyster beds.

The only direct market now is Balti-  
more and as like the Shenandoah Valley  
portion this part of the Old Dom-  
inion is building up the monumental  
city instead of its own beautiful historic  
capital.

Two years ago Mr. Fleet of Richmond,  
was visiting Gloucester and like all others  
who were here was much impressed  
with the climate, people, etc. But  
when he arrived to return home he found  
himself at a loss as to how to get  
himself to the water and then and there  
he determined to see if better facilities  
could not be procured for this otherwise  
favored section.

He succeeded in interesting the well-  
known railroad builder, Mr. G. J. E.  
of America county, Va., who came  
to look into the matter of building an  
electric road from Richmond to tide-  
water. He went over the ground and  
concluded it would be a good thing, and  
immediately set things going for that  
end.

THE ROUTE.  
It is proposed to run the line from  
Richmond into Henrico, Hanover, King  
William, King and Queen, Gloucester and  
Mathews counties and to strike down  
water where possible, though doubtless Gloucester  
point will be the terminus with  
branch roads to the deep water fronts in  
Mathews.

Several years ago some United States  
surveyors at Gloucester Point and a  
gentleman who was invited to break-  
fast on board found a group of officers  
looking over a chart of York river and  
one of them remarked it was astonishing  
that Gloucester Point was not the ter-  
minus of a railroad, as it was with  
such a wonderfully fine harbor and draft  
of water.

The county of Gloucester has been asked  
as to where it would like the road to  
give its bonds for \$200,000. These bonds  
however not to be issued until ten miles  
of the road is built in the county then  
\$25,000 to be paid and the remainder when  
the road is finished.

It is computed that the tax upon the  
railroad property and the increased in-  
crease from the county property at  
Gloucester Point will more than pay the  
interest on the bonds and provide a sink-  
ing fund which will eventually pay the  
debt.

THE INCORPORATORS.  
The incorporators are Messrs. G. E. Del-  
wiler and Knight, of America county, Va.;  
Messrs. Taylor and Hinton, of New York;  
Mr. C. E. Fleet, of Richmond, and L. C.  
Cattler, of Gloucester.

After consultation between Gloucester  
and Mathews people, it was decided not  
to make surveys until after all the elec-  
tions were held, as the exact locality of  
the road could not be determined upon  
until all the counties had voted upon the  
bond issue.

There have been two attempts to get  
a vote on this question in Gloucester.  
On the first occasion a wind and snow  
storm combined to keep many voters from  
the polls.

The second came at a very critical  
time for the farmers, and there was a  
storm. In spite of this, quite a large  
vote was polled in favor of the bond  
issue, but the requisite number of voters  
were not out.

The law requires that a majority of  
three-fourths of the registered voters shall  
be in favor of the issue.

The next election on this question is  
set for the 8th of next November. It  
is a difficult matter at all times to poll the  
full vote of the people. But the popular-  
ity of the Hon. William A. Jones, the  
Democratic candidate for this district,  
and the railroad combined, will surely  
have the desired effect.

THE BENEFITS.  
The benefits which will accrue to Tide-  
water people are too many to mention in  
a short article, but I will call attention to  
a few.

First, several thousand dollars are lost  
to the truckers yearly by the boats, when  
shippers are heavy, reaching Baltimore  
too late for the morning market.

The railroad would increase shipping  
facilities in various ways, first over its  
own line to Richmond and points beyond;  
second, by chartering steamboats at its ter-  
minus to Cape Charles City, thus putting  
this section in ready and quick commu-  
nication with the Northern markets.

Second, Baltimore re-shippers much of  
these products to the West. With Rich-  
mond as our distributing point, the  
packing of the oysters may be done here,  
thus giving employment to labor, and the  
boats being put back into the rivers  
would furnish "fuel" for the spot to  
strike upon. Therefore, instead of giving  
the boats away and paying freight on  
them, they will benefit the oyster interest.

Third, the railroad would enable per-  
sons living in the Highlands to ship their  
trucks as conveniently as the river  
people; thus inland farmers would become  
almost as valuable as the river lands.  
Fourth, our merchants would have the  
opportunity of trading more with Rich-  
mond, and our people, instead of buying  
from catalogue representations in New  
York, would have the goods at Richmond  
and do their shopping by sight and not by  
faith.

ACCESSIBILITY.  
An electric road would make it  
desirable to live anywhere along the line,  
as passengers could be taken off and on  
at their will.

Now houses would have to be lo-  
cated at different points in the county;  
the city at Gloucester Courthouse would  
put new life in this hoary, sleepy old  
town.

Without doubt a town would spring  
up at Gloucester Point and in that  
city has sold for \$200 per acre because  
of its outlook in the future.

A telephone will follow the road to  
Richmond, and thus save the double rate  
on messages as now transmitted by  
phone and telegraph.

Notwithstanding Gloucester's present  
inaccessibility to Richmond, the county  
has become quite a summer resort for  
that place.

With a railroad Richmond people  
can purchase land to erect cottages upon  
or water fronts.

Not only will the railroad increase  
shipping facilities to and from this sec-  
tion, but it will induce settlers to come  
into this portion of Tidewater.



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No good thing comes just without  
effort for where there is no out-  
let there is, as a rule, no income, so  
unless the people bestir themselves and  
come out and vote for subscription there  
will be no railroad for them.

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and at the earnest solicitation of a  
number of our citizens, spoke in behalf  
of the enterprise. He was introduced by  
Mr. L. C. Cattler, who is tireless and  
industrious in his work in behalf of  
this improvement. Mr. Bristow by his  
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## Oh, the Pain of Rheumatism!

Rheumatism often causes the most in-  
teresting suffering. Many have for years  
vainly sought relief from this disabling  
disease, and are to-day worse off than  
ever. Rheumatism is a blood disease,  
and Swift's Specific is the only cure, be-  
cause it is the only remedy which can  
reach such deep-seated diseases.

A few years ago I was taken with inflam-  
matory Rheumatism, which became so intense  
that I was for weeks unable to walk. I tried  
doctors and medicine, but none relieved me.  
Upon the advice of a friend I decided to try  
a bottle of Swift's Specific.

After giving it a fair trial, I was able to  
walk, and in a few days I was able to do  
my usual work. I continued the use of  
the remedy, and in two months I was cured  
completely. The cure was permanent, for I have  
had no return of the disease, though many  
times exposed to damp and cold weather.

SWIFT'S SPECIFIC FOR RHEUMATISM.  
Don't suffer longer with Rheumatism.  
Throw away your oils and liniments, as  
they can not reach your trouble. Don't  
experiment with doctors' their potash  
and mercury will destroy your diges-  
tion and completely add to your disability.

SWIFT'S SPECIFIC FOR BLOOD.  
It will cure perfectly and permanently.  
It is guaranteed purely vegetable, and  
contains no potash, mercury, or other  
mineral. Books mailed free by Swift  
Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Most of the farmers have finished  
harvesting their crops. The weather is  
very dry. A great number of wells have  
dried up.

## WHAT CAUSED THE TROUBLE.

Reasons Given in Washington for the  
Indian Outbreak.

AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE.

Incompetent Agents Have Made a  
Botch of Dealing With the In-  
dians—A Shocking State of  
Affairs Exists.

The Washington correspondent of yester-  
day's New York Herald gives the follow-  
ing account of the troubles that led  
up to the Indian uprising:  
Secretary Bliss said he did not know the  
cause of the trouble, and was unable to  
say whether or not it was expected.  
There seemed to be a little data in the  
Interior Department upon which an in-  
telligent conclusion as to existing condi-  
tions could be based.

One of the clerks of long standing in  
the office of the Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs was of the opinion that the local  
authorities in Minnesota were responsi-  
ble for the whole trouble with the Bear  
Lake Indians. He said so to-day.

"The trouble originated on account of  
an attempt to sell the Indians, chief of  
the band, and compel him to appear as a  
witness to prosecute a case of alleged  
illegal selling of whiskey to Indians of  
his band. He had appeared as a witness  
a number of times, and on one occasion  
complained that he had not been properly  
treated, being compelled to pay his own  
expenses while attending court and to  
walk back home.

"The return of the chief as a witness in this  
case, and when he was arrested he was  
taken from the officers by members of  
his band. Warrants were secured for the  
arrest of these Indians, and the attempt  
to arrest them led to the outbreak.

"Local authorities on that made a  
botch of the matter, and there was no  
more reason for trouble than there would  
be for me getting up and slapping your  
face.

"The Bear Lake Indians belong to the  
Pillager band of Chippewa Indians.  
There are two divisions of this band—the  
Bear Lake Indians and the Seven  
Lake Indians. They are all uncivilized,  
especially the Bear Lake men, refusing  
to do anything to do with the civilization  
of the whites and retaining the Indian  
dress and customs. They live  
principally by fishing."

The trouble, however, seems to have  
its root even deeper. A prominent mem-  
ber of the Indian Rights Association  
said to-day that the grievance  
which led to the outbreak was the  
reservation in the Leech Lake Reservation  
about the same as those in the Red  
Lake Reservation, and referred me to  
the indictment of Secretary of War  
McKinnon, of the United States government  
by the association in behalf of the Red  
Lake Indians.

This paper was prepared by Francis  
E. Loupp, in charge of the Washington  
agency of the association. This is what  
Mr. Loupp says:

"A week or two ago a story was told of  
the Red Lake Chippewas, in Minnesota, who  
have been badly victimized by an incompe-  
tent and dishonest crew of so-called 'ex-  
aminers' turned loose on their reserva-  
tion by the government, ostensibly to ex-  
amine the amounts and kinds of timber  
growing on the several tracts as a basis  
for the sale of it to the white lumbermen  
outside.

"These men were appointed during the  
administration of Secretary of War Smith,  
as the civil service rules had not been  
extended to cover their positions. Sec-  
retary Francis, learning that a great  
deal of bad work was in progress, dis-  
patched a special agent to look up the  
trouble, and all are highly pleased with  
the manner he conducted his work. There  
was much clamor, business, but the  
doctet was disposed of in about the usual  
time.

"The testimony brought out on the  
investigation disclosed a shocking state  
of things. A good many of the exam-  
iners knew nothing whatever about their  
duties. They stayed in their camps or  
in their backwoods hotels and amuse-  
ments, and when they were called upon  
for their measurements, and framed their  
estimates by comparing guesses when it  
becomes necessary to make a report  
to headquarters.

"The details of the work had been left  
to them for the most part, without any  
instruction. On the strength of the  
estimates thus manufactured out of  
nothing substantial the timber on a num-  
ber of tracts was sold.

"Some TYPICAL GUESSES.  
"How far the reports of the examiners  
fell short of the truth may be judged by  
a few typical instances. On one forty  
acre tract reported as containing 5,000  
feet of pine, the experts found 52 feet.  
On another reported at 4,000 feet, no pine  
was found. On a third, reported at  
25,000, there was actually 7,000. On a  
fourth, reported as agricultural land there  
were 4,000 feet of Norway pine, and on a  
fifth, where the examiners located 1,100  
feet of white pine, there was actually no  
pine, but about 30,000 feet of Norway  
pine.

"Collision between the field crops and  
the bidding lumbermen might be hard to  
prove in court under rules of evi-  
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GIVE ENTIRE SATISFACTION.

The Strictest Sanitary Rules Govern  
the Fourth Regiment and They are  
Being Strictly Observed by  
Officers and Men.

CAMP CUBA LIBRE, Oct. 6.—Special.—  
A telegram was sent yesterday from corps  
headquarters to Washington, asking for  
the immediate mustering out of First  
Sergeants Frederick H. Plummer, of  
Company G, Leonard W. Williams, of  
Company G, and James S. Hazen, of  
Company H, Fourth Virginia Regiment, as  
enlisted men. All three have been pro-  
moted to the rank of Second Lieutenant  
in their respective companies to succeed  
Lieutenants Lassiter, Lawrence and Klein  
respectively, whose resignations have been  
accepted some time ago.

Lieutenant Plummer's rank takes effect  
from August 20th, Lieutenant Williams'  
from August 21st, and Lieutenant Hazen's  
from September 10th.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
The recommendations for promotion  
were made about ten days ago by Colonel  
Taylor at the suggestion of the several  
captains of the companies and the several  
companies, signed by Governor J. Hoge  
Tyler, were received here on Tuesday  
evening.

The promotion of the three officers  
meets with general favor among the men  
of the three companies, and is considered  
as well deserved by the companies which  
they represent. The three officers, who are  
included among the list of the commissioned  
officers, have made a model first sergeant  
in every respect, and it will be rather diffi-  
cult to find a man to succeed him in the  
company. The three officers, who are in-  
cluded among the list of the commissioned  
officers, have made a model first sergeant  
in every respect, and it will be rather diffi-  
cult to find a man to succeed him in the  
company.

Numerous improvements have been  
made in the conditions of the camp of the  
Fourth Regiment, and the excellent sani-  
tary measures that have been adopted by  
Col. Taylor are receiving careful atten-  
tion.

GOOD ARRANGEMENTS.  
The new bath house of the regiment,  
also in number, which have been com-  
pleted for some time and give excellent  
service, are models. The floor is made of  
slabs with spacious openings between  
them, that allow the water to once to flow  
down the water to flowing branch out  
distance away. The baths and other out-  
houses are removed a greater distance  
from the tents than is usually the case.  
It is Col. Taylor's aim and desire that  
there shall be no chance for disease to  
enter the camp, thereby making a  
fight against disease unnecessary. His  
officers and men realizing the importance  
of this effort, are observing all sanitary  
rules to the very letter.

ANOTHER VACANCY.  
There still remains a vacancy among  
the commissioned officers of Company F,  
of Suffolk, of the Fourth Regiment, caus-  
ed by the resignation of Company E, of  
Winchester. Captain Causey expects to  
make his recommendation to Col. Taylor  
during the next few days, and it is generally  
believed that First Sergeant Thomas will  
be the lucky man.

A number of applications have been re-  
ceived from men of the Second Virginia  
Regiment, which is soon to be mustered  
out of service, who wish to be assigned  
to serve Uncle Sam in the Fourth  
Virginia Regiment.

FURLOUGHS "TIT DOWN."  
The thirty days' sick furloughs that  
have been issued by the authorities of the  
regiment in the past to soldiers  
who were sent to their homes to recuperate  
were sent out down yesterday to twenty  
men. At the same time it was an-  
nounced that a further reduction of a  
day would be made